Alberta Treasury
Economic Bulletin

ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 10 TO JULY 14, 2000

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month	Month'00/ Month'99	Comments
Consumer Price Index	June			
Alberta	117.1	0.4%	3.4%	Alberta's CPI rose by 0.4% from May and was up 3.4% from June 1999. On a year-over-year basis, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick had the highest inflation among provinces with 4.8%, 3.8% and 3.7% respectively, while Alberta was fourth with 3.4%.
Canada	113.7	0.6%	2.9%	
Housing Starts	June			
Alberta – Urban	20,700	-18.2%	-7.6%	Alberta housing starts in June fell by 18.2% from May, while the housing starts for the rest of Canada fell by 2.0%. Year-to-date, urban housing starts are up 14.1% in Alberta, compared to 5.4% for Canada.
Canada – Urban	139,300	-2.0%	-10.5%	
New Housing Price Index	May			
Edmonton	112.2	0.5%	2.9%	On a year-over-year basis, new housing prices in Edmonton rose by 2.9%, the ninth largest increase among 21 major Canadian cities. Calgary was tenth with 2.8%. Declines were experienced in Victoria (-5.1%), Sudbury –Thunder Bay (-1.1%), Vancouver (-1%) and Saint John-Moncton- Fredericton (-0.3%).
Calgary	132.1	0.5%	2.8%	
New Motor Vehicle Sales (S.A.)	May			
Alberta	14,246	-6.3%	11.3%	Alberta's new motor vehicle sales fell by 6.3% in May, following a strong increase of 10.1% in April. Sales in May fell in all provinces except Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Quebec. Compared to the same month last year, national sales were up 4.2%, and Alberta sales up 11.3%.
Canada	128,862	-2.7%	4.2%	